

Water Easement

Water is an important resource to the Army... ..and to those training in the desert it's vital. With the help of policy, technology, and good ole common sense Fort Huachuca has cut their consumption by more than 50%, not only helping the Army save money, but helping the environment.

Gretchen Kent

“Initially we started reducing our water pumping just to save energy. But what we found was there were some very sensitive species in a nearby river, and our pumping actions and those of the people off post could contribute to reducing the water flow in it someday. So, as good citizens we started cutting back so we could share more water with the river.”

Water conservation isn't just a priority of the citizens in the community, it's a priority for the post. Service men, women and their families can only water their lawns two months of the year, and of those months, 2 hours a day on only 2 days a week.....and there are stiff penalties if they don't follow these rules...

[Graphic over audio]

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If you're found to be watering out of hours, you're issued a citation. 3 citations, and your unit gets to pay the cost to move you off post and you get to pay for your water. So far we have never had anybody get three citations.

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In addition to policy, Fort Huachuca has taken action and installed over 2-thousand low-flow shower heads, 4-hundred waterless urinals, they've installed horizontal axis washing machines that use 50% less water, and they use an artificial turf, that not only doesn't need any water to be maintained, but actually helps accumulate rain water.

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"We've had to get really inventive about P-T fields. We've used artificial turf, with recycled tire crumb. We've used washed mortar sand, and we've actually used one of the parade fields as double duty as a P-T field to help save on the amount of turf we have on the installation.

Through their use of new technologies, recycled materials, and educational programs, Soldiers and their training will continue to thrive in the midst of this desert environment. From Fort Huachuca, in Sierra Vista, Arizona, I'm Jesse McGill